

Day One

Bible Reading

I AM created in God's image; I AM a child of God



Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female.

John 1:12

But some people did accept him. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God.

Bible video

You are wonderfully
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Arrival activity

Wisdom Quest Map: A treasure map showing their journey.

As a group create a map with 5 stops.

Each day children unlock a new location by adding either a sticker, stamp, mini drawing, wise word token to the stop.

At the end add a special symbol to indicate the treasure discovered (God's wisdom).

Modern day parables

Elmer by David McKee

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Challenges

Reflection: You are a reflection of God's creative beauty and God's nature.



Task Master challenge 60 seconds

1. Mirror, Mirror Challenge

Theme: Created in God's image (Genesis 1:27 – I am created in God's image)

Task: In 60 seconds create a self-portrait using only craft materials provided, possibly A5 sheet of paper or small canvases and a limited amount of pens; or use a drawing medium and suggest they can only use three shapes e.g. triangle, circle, etc.

Link: Just like a mirror reflects a face, we reflect God's nature – now add three words that show how you reflect God (e.g. creative, loving, kind).

Optional discussion: What does it mean to reflect God? Which part of you shows God's creativity?

2. Creation Builders

Theme: God is Creative – We reflect him

Task: In 60 seconds build something useful from Lego. It must have a name and be helpful for people.

Link: God creates with purpose. We do too because we're made in God's image.

3. Charades Challenge

Theme: Acting like God's children

Task: Act out (charades-style) one quality of God (love, forgiveness, kindness, patience). The rest of the team has up to 60 seconds to guess which quality/trait is being acted.

Link: How can we act like our heavenly Father?

4. Child of God

Theme: Being a child of God.

Task: You have 60 seconds to rip a piece of paper/newspaper into an animal shape, then a further 60 seconds to rip another piece of paper in a similar but smaller size as a baby/child of the original.

Link: We are children of God and made in God's image.

Place the items around your space, to reflect that we are all children of God.



Self portraits

You will need:

a piece of card from a cardboard box, some dried flowers, leaves, old magazines and newspapers

What you do:

Create a self-portrait using collage materials provided. Why not make a group self portrait instead? It doesn't need to look exactly like you, but maybe more of how God might see us.

Recipe

Biscuit self-portraits.

You will need:

(digestives), writing icing, edible decorations

What you do:

Create an image of yourself on the biscuits.

Stem

Mirror Play

You will need:

large child-safe mirror, a basket of translucent acrylic gems, colourful beads, small blocks, or even natural items like pebbles and leaves

What you do:

Freely arrange the items on a surface and then explore what happens when the mirror is placed vertically next to, or facing, them. You could try this with words or numbers – what happens then? Maybe even have a code to break using the mirrors.

Wondering questions



I wonder...

- what it means to be made in God's image
- if we are all made in God's image, why are we all different?
- which parts of God you most reflect
- which parts of God do you need to work harder at

Games



Naturally

You will need:

some elements from nature such as:
large sticks, twigs, leaves, small stones, flowers,
petals, earth

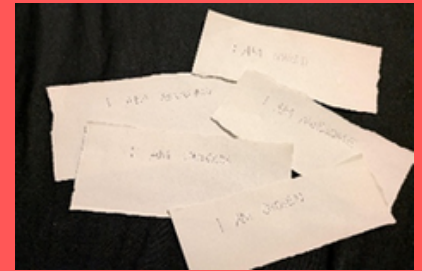
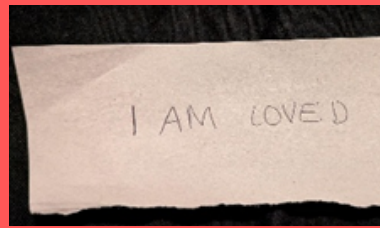
What you do:

This game can be played as a large group, small teams or individually. The aim of the game is to have access to the natural elements. On the shout of a 'thing' such as car, person, tree, cake... the team/person must create a picture from the natural objects that looks like said item. This could be done within a time limit or the winner could be the first to do it.

'God says'

This is based on the 'Simon says' game but in place of 'Simon says' use 'God says' and 'people say'. Each thing 'God says' needs to be an affirmation for the children to be able to act out. 'God says' we are beautiful, to help others, to smile at each other, to do good things with our hands etc. Use 'people say' to catch the players out. Explain that God can use people to give us messages, but we have to be sure they are from God.

Prayers



You will need:

paper or card, cut into A6 size,
pens/pencils

What you do:

Ask children to write or draw positive things on cards about the people around them – things that will help them feel good about themselves. For example: 'You are loved', 'You are awesome'.

Place the cards in the middle of the circle. Every child can then choose one and keep it with them. Or, you could have some pre-written cards for the children to choose from.

Play a bit of slow, calming music to aid a time of reflection if you wish. The children can have a few moments to meditate on God and then choose a card each. The more they read the card, the more they will take in what it says.

